(c) the details of the LPG allocation originally proposed to be made and subsequently enhanced for the State of Orissa, during the 1995-96 financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) The demand of existing consumers of LPG in Orissa who are enrolled with the distributors of public sector oil companies is by and large being met in full. Temporary backlogs that may arise are cleared by augmenting LPG supplies through operation of Bottling Plants for extended hours and on holidays and by arranging supplies from bottling plants in adjoining areas. LPG is not an allocated product and no advance allocation is made

Refining capacity of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd

4623. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the States where Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited has set up its refinery projects;

(b) whether Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited has a proposal to raise its refining capacity; and

(c) if so, the details of plans formulated by HPCL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) has two existing refineries; one at Bombay in Maharashtra with a capacity of 5.5 MMTPA and the other at Visakh in Andhra Pradesh with a capacity of 4.5 MMTPA.

HPCL is setting up a new refinery at Mangalore as a Joint Venture with M/s. Indian Rayon and Industries Ltd. with a capacity of 3 MMTPA.

HPCL has the following proposals for raising its refining capacity:—

(i) Enhancing the refining capacity of Visakh Refinery from 4.5 MMTPA to 7.5 MMTPA; and

(ii) Setting up of a new refinery at Deogarh (Maharashtra) as a joint venture with M/s Oman Oil Company Limited with a capacity of 6 MMTPA. These proposals are at different stages of processing.

Blocks offered for oil exploration

4624. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have offered 34 blocks, 19 on-shore and 15 off-shore, under the Eighth round of bidding for oil exploration;

(b) if so, the blocks that have been offered to the foreign companies;

(c) the number of foreign companies which have agreed to explore oil; and

(d) the total areas provided to the foreign companies for oil exploration in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Foreign companies were free to bid for any of the 34 blocks put on offer.

(c) 6 foreign companies have submitted their bids.

(d) No decision has been taken so far on the bids received under this round.

पाननगड़ी में तेल शोधक कारखाने की स्थापना करना

4625. श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज
श्री राम जेठमलानी

क्या पट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मद्रास रिफाइनरीज तथा इंडियन आयल कार-